

Serial No.: 10/519,469
Examiner: Scott M. Richey

REMARKS

STATUS OF CLAIMS

Claim 13 is pending in the application, claims 1-12 having been cancelled previously and claim 14 being cancelled herein. Claim 13 has been found allowable.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a)

Claim 14 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Chaney (US 5,274,436) in view of Xu et al. (US 5,796,482). This rejection is made moot by the cancellation of claim 14 herein.

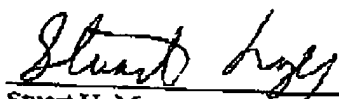
CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that pending claim 13 remains in condition for allowance, early notification of which is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney at (908) 518-7700 in order to resolve any outstanding issues.

FEES

The Office is authorized to charge any fees required, to deposit account number 50-1047.

Respectfully submitted,



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